

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 WARSAW 04476 151659Z

S2

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 062322

O 151612Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0000

C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 4476

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PO (GERALD R. FORD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND; PUBLIC STATEMENTS - LUNCHEON
TOAST

REF: A. STATE 165672 B. WARSAW 4462

1. TO COME TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY IN THE VERY CENTER
OF EUROPE, RICH IN HISTORY AND SO IMPORTANT IN THE CONTEM-
POARARY WORLD, IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME. ANY AMERICAN
PRESIDENT WOULD BE HONORED TO VISIT THE HOMELAND OF SO
MANY GREAT MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I AM PARTICULARLY
HONORED, HOWEVER, TO COME TO POLAND AT THIS IMPORTANT
TIME, ON THE EVE OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HISTORIC BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THE POLISH PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO EXPRESS
OUR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE
GROWING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL CONTACTS BETWEEN
POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. IN WASHINGTON LAST FALL, SECRETARY GIEREK AND I
PLEDGED OUR COUNTRIES "... TO ACQUIRE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE
OF THEIR REPECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND VALUES." I THINK THAT
WE CAN ALL TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN THE PROGRESS THAT
IS BEING MADE TOWARD THAT IMPORTAN GOAL. THE HEADLINES GO
TO THE LARGER ISSUES WITH WHICH OUR DIPLOMATS HAVE LONG
BEEN ENGAGED. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 WARSAW 04476 151659Z

HERE TO THE LARGELY UNSUNG EVENTS IN OUR BILATERAL RELA-

TIONSHIP THAT NOW GIVE LIFE TO THE PLEDGE WE MADE LESS
THAN A YEAR AGO. THERE QUICKLY COME TO MIND:

-- THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF BOTH SIDES TO INCREASE
TRADE AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS;

-- THE VISITS AND EXCHANGES OF IDEAS AMONG OUR
SCIENTISTS, INDUSTRIAL AND MINING SPECIALISTS,
AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS;

-- THE EVER-GROWING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL-
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WHICH EACH YEAR ENABLE MORE OF
OUR SCHOLARS TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND TO EXCHANGE
IDEAS AND PUBLICATIONS.

THE LIST COULD BE VASTLY PROLONGED.

3. I WISH THAT I COULD HAVE BEEN HERE A FEW WEEKS
EARLIER, SO THAT WITH YOU I COULD HAVE SEEN THE EXHIBITION,
"THE WORLD OF FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON," WHICH SO VIVIDLY
RECAPITULATED AMERICA'S PAS AND POLAND'S HISTORIC, CLOSE
ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONTINUING AMERICAN DREAM. PERHAPS
YOU WILL REMEMBER ONE OF THE REMARKS OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,
DETAILED IN THE EXHIBIT: "HUMAN FELICITY IS PRODUCED NOT
SO MUCH BY GREAT PIECES OF GOOD FORTUNE THAT SELDOM HAPPEN,
AS BY LITTLE ADVANTAGES THAT OCCUR EVERY DAY." WE HAVE
HAD OUR SHARE OF DREAMERS IN AMERICA, BUT BASICALLY WE
REALIZE NOW, AS WE ALWAYS HAVE, THAT REAL PROGRESS COMES
FROM THE WILLING EFFORTS OF ORDINARY CITIZENS WHO THEMSELVES
GIVE LIFE TO THE PLEDGES OF THEIR LEADERS.

4. AND SO , MY DISTINGUISHED HOSTS, LADIES AND GENTLE-
MEN, MAY I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN RAISING OUR GLASSES TO ALL
THOSE THOUSANDS OF POLISH AND AMERICAN CITIZENS -- SCHOLARS,
BUSINESSMEN, SCIENTISTS, AND OTHER -- WHO DAY BY DAY
ARE WORKING TO CREATE THE "LITTLE ADVANTAGES" THAT ARE SO
IMPORTANT TO OUR CONTINUING COOPERATION. LET US PLEDGE
THE AVERAGE POLE AND THE AVERAGE AMERICAN -- THE PEOPLE
WHO DO THE WORK AND MAKE THE DREAMS COME TRUE:

DAVIES

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 WARSAW 04476 151659Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975WARSAW04476
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750244-0300
From: WARSAW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750753/aaaabvod.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 75 STATE 165672, 75 WARSAW 4462
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND; PUBLIC STATEMENTS - LUNCHEON TOAST
TAGS: OVIP, PO, (FORD, GERALD R)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006